

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
February 2022



Prez Sez

Mid-winter brings lengthening days but not much warmth. There are still opportunities for the weather to throw cold wind, ice, and snow our way. Rain too. Days with conditions good enough to ride will happen this month if you are equipped for it.

Stay well and have a great ride!

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Be An Advocate

There are many ways to be an advocate for bicycling. It can be as easy as riding your bike. If bicycling is one of your favorite activities and you want to see more people riding bikes, then go for a ride. Most adults rode bikes when they were younger and dropped it when the challenges of modern life came along. Experienced bicyclists make riding look easy and fun, which could be enough to convince an onlooker to try it again.

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Coming Up...

February Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through February on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)

Next BIKES Club Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for 7 PM February 10th, 2022 and will be online using Zoom due to the persistent COVID-19 situation. BIKES Club members will be e-mailed the agenda and meeting details.

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.

SO YOU WANT TO BUY A NEW BIKE?

You may be thinking it's time to get a new bike. After all, it's probably been a few years on your current bike and there have been some new developments in the design of bikes.

Some high end road bikes are now going to 12 speeds in the rear. And the chainrings are getting smaller, so between the two, we have easier gears to get up those hills which our aging legs don't do quite as easily anymore. Or maybe you're intrigued by 1x (called One-By) drivetrains which have a single chainring up front. There's only one shifter to work and no front derailleur to rub on the chain. Sounds kinda nice, eh? Maybe you're aware that the trend to wider tires and built in suspension will do wonders for comfort on those rides over Skagit Valley chipseal (not to mention all the ruts in the Burke-Gilman trail). Oh, the thought of a little more comfort is enticing

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News You Can Use...

McClinchy Mile / Camano Climb

Sunday April 24 2022

After a two-year hiatus McClinchy Mile is on! And we're excited to once again partner with Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis to offer scenic and challenging routes on Camano Island. We'll have a single start location in Stanwood and offer a 15-mile Stanwood Farms loop in addition to the 50 and 35 mile loops on Camano Island.

Club members can save \$5 off registration (coupon code coming soon) and are the most important marketing tool we have. Please help spread the word among your bicycling friends about our beautiful ride. Find details on the club McClinchy page <https://bikesclub.org/McClinchy>

Kristin Kinnamon is McClinchy Coordinator. Other club volunteers are taking on key roles to help spread the work. Log onto the club website and sign up early for your favorite McClinchy volunteer job <https://bikesclub.org/McClinchy-Volunteers>

Watch your email for a February 7 McClinchy meeting announcement (meetings will be online via Zoom).

Ride Leaders-Ride Posting Update:

When you post your ride, state an end time as well as a start time on the template. This will correct a glitch for late registrants that has come to light. If you're unsure what I mean, contact me at

leadaride@bikeclub.org

Under the registrants tab of the template is the spot to designate yourself as ride leader after you register.

Also, don't forget to check in your riders when you lead the ride.

Keep on riding.

Dan Scott, ride coordinator

COVID-19 persists

[Temporary Precautions for BIKES Club Ride During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

registrations and waivers.

Max Group Sizes

Ride groups may now have 12 riders or less as determined by the Ride Leader. The number includes the Ride Leader. The ride posting and registration page should indicate the maximum number of riders for the ride

[Online Reg - Tips for Ride Leaders >>>](#)

[Online Reg - Tips for Everyone >>>](#)



Rider Miles

[How many Club miles do you have?](#)



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels New Site



Sharing Wheels Update

Sharing Wheels Moving Ahead

There is not yet ink to dry on a new rental agreement, but after 15 years in the former refrigeration room of the Broadway Mall Building (built as a [dairy processing plant in 1929](#)), the Sharing Wheels Board voted in January to move to new space at the front of the building, facing Broadway Avenue in Everett.

There will be much planning, lifting, procuring of materials, and finally moving to come this spring, but we are so excited to make this change. For the first time in 20 years we'll have natural light, heat, and a front door. Simple pleasures and, we hope, a more pleasant place for shoppers, staff, and volunteers.

Thanks BIKES Club of Snohomish County for many years of grants supporting Sharing Wheels, and thanks to current members who contributed to Sharing Wheels reaching our year-end fundraising goal in 2021. We'll be dipping into our healthy bank account to make this change, but we are confident the investment will be worth it.

Upcoming events:

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 19, 23 free group rides to Snohomish will meet at the shop at 11 a.m. [Register in advance.](#)

Feb. 9 Monthly Bike Maintenance Class. [Register online.](#)

Feb. 13 Adult Bike Work Party. Help clean or tune-up a bike. Mechanical skills helpful but not required. Fix a Flat class at noon. [Please RSVP.](#)

Feb. 13 Seattle Bike Swap. Look for the Sharing Wheels booth at this event - but visit us in Everett if you want the full selection of bikes and parts.

Feb. 23 Bearings: Keep 'Em Rolling Class. [Learn more.](#)

[Sharing Wheels Website >>>](#)

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and it is through the League that we purchase our club insurance.

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

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